

by pe unwardnesse of pe merci of  
oure god: in pe which he spryng  
ge vp fro auhy. hay vyltyed vs  
to yme lyt to hem pat sitte in derc  
neiss: & in shadoire of deap to  
dresse our feet: into pe weye  
of pees: & pe child werite: and  
was confortid in spirit: & was  
in desert placis. til to pe day of  
his thewbig to yrael. **C. 11.**

**A**nd it was don in yd day  
es a maidermet wente  
out fro pe empero: pat  
al pe world shulde be distryued.  
his firste distryuig was maad  
of cryn iustice of surye: & alle  
me wenten to make pfessio:  
ech into his owne cite: & joseph  
wente vp fro gable fro pe cite  
nazareth. into judee into a ci  
te of dauny pat is clepid bethle  
em: for pat he was of pe hous &  
of pe meyne of dauny: pat he sh  
ulde knowleche wy marie his  
wyf pat weddid to hy & was gre  
et wy childe: & it was don while  
pei weren per: pe dayes weren  
fulfild y she shulde bere child:  
and she bar hyr firste born sone:  
& wlapide hy in clois: & leyde  
hy in a crache. for y was no pla  
ce to hy in no chaubur. **¶** And sh  
epherdis weren in pe same cil  
tre wakynge & kepynge pe waach  
of pe nyzt on her flot: & lo pe an  
gel of pe lord stod bysydis hem:  
& pe clerenesse of god shynede  
aboute hem. & pei dreden wy  
greet drede: & pe angel seide to  
he: nyle ze drede: for lo y preche  
to you. a greet iope. pat shal be  
to al peple: for a sampon is  
born of pe to day to you: y is &

pe lord in pe cite of dauny: and  
pis is a tokene to you: & shu  
len fynde azong child wlapid  
clois: & leyde in a crache: & lide  
hy per was maad wy pe angel a  
mferude of heuenly knyztod: he  
ryngge god & leyge glorie be in  
pe hysse yngis to god: & in erpe  
pees be to me of good wille: & it  
was don. as pe angelis passiden  
a wey fro hem in to heuene: pe she  
pardis spaken to gidre & seiden  
go we ouer to bethlem: & se we  
yis word pat is maad. which pe lord  
hay maad & thewid to us: & pei  
hryngge came: & fouden marie  
& joseph: & pe zong child leid in a  
crache: & pei leyngge knewen of  
pe word pat was seid to he of pis  
child: and alle me pat herde won  
druten: & of pes yngis p weren  
seid to hem of pe shepardis: but  
marie keppe alle pes wordis.  
berynge to gidre in hyr herde:  
& pe shepardis turneden agen  
glorifyng & heryngge god in  
alle yngis p pei hadden herd &  
seyn: as it was seid to hem. **¶**  
aft p pe eyste dayes were en  
did. y pe child shulde be circis  
did: his name was clepid shu  
which was clepid of pe angel:  
bifore y he was cōseyned in wom  
be. **¶** And after p pe dayes of pe  
purgacion of marie weren  
fulfild aft moyses lawe: pei  
tooken hy into ierlm to offere hy  
to pe lord. as it is writen in pe  
lawe of pe lord: for euery male  
fynde openynge pe wombe: sh  
al be clepid hooly to pe lord: &  
p pei shulen zyne an offryng:  
aft p it is seid in pe lawe of pe

lord. a peyre of turturis. or tiber  
culie briddis: and lo ama was  
in ierlm. whos name was syme  
on: & pis ma was nist & vertu  
ous. & abood pe coufyt of yrael:  
& pe hooly gost was in hy: & he  
hadde takn an answere of pe hoo  
ly gost. p he shulde not se deap:  
but he san first pe cft of pe  
lord: & he cam in spirit ito pe te  
ple: and whne his fadir & modir  
ledde pe child shu to do after pe  
custom of pe lawe for hy: he took  
hy into his armes. & he blestide  
god & seide: lord now you leuenest  
y seruait: aft y word in pes  
for my yzen han seyn ym heelpre:  
which you haat maad redy. by  
fore pe face of alle pepis: lyt  
to pe thewbig of heven me: &  
glorie of y peple yrael: & his fa  
dir & his modir weren wonder  
ge. on pes yngis p were seid of  
hy: & symeon blestide he: & seide  
to marie his modir: lo pis is sett  
into pe fallig: dou & into pe ry  
lyg: azen of many me in yrael:  
& into a tokene to who it shal  
be azenleid: & slyerd shal pass  
ryn: ym olbue soule: y pe pouz  
tis be thewid of many hertis: &  
ama was a pferelle re donytr of  
faniel of pe lynage of aser: and  
she hadde gon for in many dayes:  
& hadde lyued wy hyr halebende:  
seuen zeer fro hyr maydehod: &  
pis was a widowe: to four store  
zeer & four: & she departide not  
fro pe temple: but seruete to god  
nyzt & day. in fastigis & preie  
ris: & pis cam vpon he in pilke  
our: & knowlechte to pe lord &  
spak of hy to alle p abide pe re